GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SEC AND NREL OF U.S.
Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Memorandum of Understanding of renewable energy was signed between Solar Energy Centre of the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory of the US Department of Energy on March 24, 2000;

(b) if so, the main points of the agreement reached;

(c) the steps being taken to implement them ; and

(d) the extent to which the US Department of Energy has agreed to provide assistance to India in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a): Yes Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Solar Energy Centre of the Ministry of Non- Conventional Energy Sources and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory of the US Department of Energy on 23rd March, 2000.

(b): The main objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding are to promote scientific and technological co-operation in the field of renewable energy development and utilization for mutual benefit including strengthening capacity for energy technology innovation, promoting technologies to increase energy conservation and promoting technology for clean energy supply. The scope of the memorandum includes exchange of technical information and experience and technical and managerial personnel, joint testing and holding of conferences and seminars.

(c): Steps have been initiated to identify specific projects / activities for co- operation between the two institutions. A team of two scientists from National Renewable Energy Laboratory, USA visited SEC recently to discuss possibilities of co-operation in the area of solar radiation data collection, analysis and dissemination which has been identified as one of the co-operative activities under the Memorandum.

(d): The co-operation is mainly of technical nature and as of now no financial commitments have been made under the Memorandum.